

REMARKS

In a conversation with the Examiner on March 15, 2006, the Examiner requested that the applicants remove the figures on pages 3 and 27 of the specification from the specification and add the figures to the set of drawings included in the application. Accordingly, the applicants are attaching hereto new FIGs. 6 and 7, which FIG. 6 corresponds to the drawing that was on page 3 of the specification and which FIG. 7 corresponds to the drawing that was on page 27 of the specification. The applicants also have amended the corresponding paragraphs of the specification in which the drawings had been included and have amended the "Brief Description of the Drawings" to reference FIGs. 6 and 7.

For clarification purposes, the formulas in the paragraph starting on page 26, line 25 and corresponding to FIG. 7 are $\rho = \lambda / \mu = (\text{average request arrival rate}) / (\text{average server service rate})$ and $T_i = -1 / \mu * \log(\rho / (L_{i+1} - L_i + \rho))$.

If any questions or issues exist concerning implementation of the proposed changes, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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